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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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For: METHOD FOR CONSOLIDATING AND SEALING A TUBE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are found on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** are found on page 6 of this paper.